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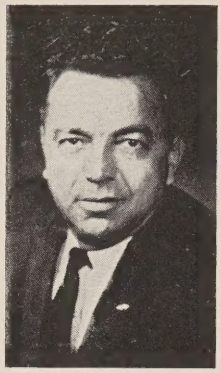
Dear Brethren,



A New Year is here. To a great extent — it will be what we make it. If we want to make others happier and by doing that, make ourselves happier, we could take the advice offered in this poem.

A Friendly Thought For Each Day In The Week

Wouldn't this world be a different place
If we began each day
With the thought of helping someone
That we meet along the way?
If we set out with a little prayer
That through the day we'd find
A chance to leave some sunshine
And some happiness behind?

MONDAY

If there is someone you know who's lonely,
And you haven't seen for awhile?
Let them know they're thought about
With a call, a word, or a smile.

TUESDAY

Don't neglect the chance today
To do some kindly act
Or pay a little compliment
With thoughtfulness and tact.

WEDNESDAY

This is the day for forgetting
Yesterday's cares and its strife
This is the day for remembering
The joys and blessings of life.

THURSDAY

Think of a friend who's in trouble
Is there some little thing you can do?
If there's nothing else, then offer a prayer
From a heart that's sincere and true.

FRIDAY

Today should be just for your loved ones
Find some little way of expressing
The thought that their love will always be
Life's greatest and sweetest blessing

SATURDAY

You may have cares and duties
There are dozens of things to be done
But don't let the day come to an end
Without some laughter and fun.

SUNDAY

This is a day for rejoicing
For thinking of God above
Arise and give thanks for the blessings
Of His deep and abiding love.

May these little thoughts
Carried from friend to friend
Bring joy to your year
From its start to its end.

To you and yours we wish the happiest of all years. A thought for the month —

"Tho' we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must have it in us or find it not."

Your piper,
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SECRETARY'S PAGE

R. L. PUGH, 33°

We closed the activities of 1967 with an Open House reception at the Temple on Christmas Eve, beginning at 3:30 o'clock and continuing until 9:30 o'clock in the evening. The Temple had been beautifully decorated for Christmas and it was thought that this might be an opportune time to extend an invitation to as many Master Masons and their wives as could be found in the immediate area. The reception was a tremendous success, the fellowship was excellent and the entire event pointed up the fact that much more in the way of a Christmas observance could be offered for next year. Plans are already in the making for a pageant on the stage in our auditorium which will be the initial stage of what we hope will be a long period of Christmas observance in our Temple.

The old year is now behind us and we are looking forward to the new year. The next Reunion is scheduled for April 2, 3 and 4. Please mark these dates in your calendar because they are different from the ones originally scheduled. These new dates will avoid any conflict with the activities of Holy Week.

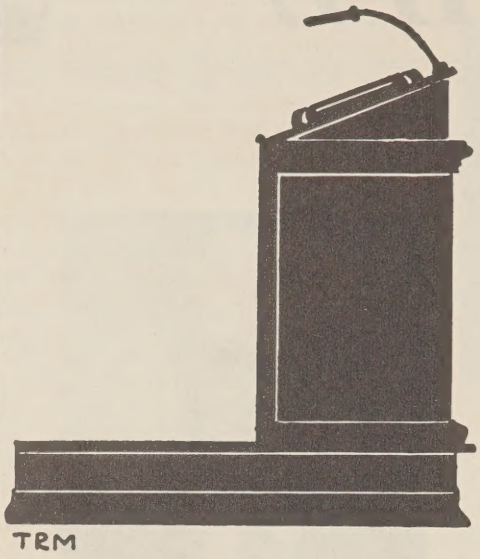
We invited all Blue Lodge Secretaries to furnish us with a list of their membership for us to copy. These lists have now been coming in quite rapidly and we are busy making contacts with this tremendous reservoir of candidate possibilities. Please contact your Secretary and find out whether he has sent a list of your members to us.

We are continuing to strive for a class of 200 and we do not intend to let up in any of our efforts until we reach that number. Enthusiasm for the work is very contagious and it is hoped that you will exercise every opportunity to spread the gospel of the philosophy of the Scottish Rite to those who need it so desperately.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

R. L. Pugh

Robert L. Pugh, 33°, Secretary



From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

MY TESTIMONIAL OF FAITH

This past Scottish Rite Reunion was a deep and meaningful experience for me. When I found myself in the position of Class-Lecturer, following in the footsteps of my friend and companion, Robert Pugh, I was both humble and grateful. Humble in that I realized fully the responsibility that was placed upon me in attempting to enlighten the "Charlie Seifert" class as to the work and meaning of the beautiful Degrees, which were conferred and communicated. Humble in that I realized I was standing in the shadows of one who was a Past Master in the art of what I was attempting to do for the first time, and were it not for Bob Pugh's help and confidence, I would have never been able to have completed the assignment. I was grateful in that I had an inward feeling that there were many beloved friends and brothers, who thought I might be able to do the job. It is needless for me to say that I spent much time in prayer and in study.

The class itself was truly an inspiration, lifting me with them in every step of the way, to bring more light in our great Movement. I shall never forget this "Charlie Seifert" class. Charlie Seifert meant much to me, it was through his efforts and confidence, that I made my first Scottish Rite talk, thirty years ago. It was through this class, his namesake, that I tried my luck as Class Lecturer.

I am proud of my membership in this fraternity, one of the greatest, if not the greatest Fraternity in all of the world and in all history. So far as I know, no organization of men, bound together by the ties of Fraternity, has ever grown so large or exerted so great an influence upon the lives of men. The fact that it has grown and is still growing, proves that it is founded upon a solid rock and that it has met and is meeting the needs of the people.

In our Movement, we learn that the heart and the soul shapes the destiny of man, and that these influences are the important things in this life. When we meet together, we leave outside the door that artificial society which builds distinctions upon birth and education or wealth. It is an honor and a privilege to be one of this army of men. These men represent that great group of men who have meant much to this Country and to their particular city or hamlet, where-in they reside. But above all, it means much to the individual who ascended its' golden staircase. In peace they are the builders of the country and in war they are the country's bulwark.

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Yes, I believe in Masonry because it is helping to make our world better than it has ever been before. I believe that its principles of charity, brotherly love and freedom will never be out dated and will in the final analysis, be the strengths that will save and support us.

The very essence of our Movement is the spirit of love, taught by Him, whose birthday we honor this month of December. It is being learned, that it is not wealth, nor power, nor high position or social prestige that is to determine the status of humanity in the future. But, it is those higher and greater things — greatness of mind, of ideals, of dreams, of inspirations and hopes that will make our world a better place in which to live. These are the attributes which we committed ourselves to believe in and to uphold.

No man can wrap the mantle of our Movement about him and then try to live by himself alone. It has been well said, "No man is an Island living unto himself alone." The Supreme Architect of the Universe inspired within us something grander, bigger, and nobler than our self. There is a job for us all to do, no matter where we live or what we do. There is no vocation or avocation in which we cannot mean something to someone. Therein lies our hope. Let us not be dismayed that we are still far from our goal.

Let us all be assured, we are moving in the right direction. It is in this direction that we can and will achieve our greatest reward. Thus ends my testimony of Faith and Hope.

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OPEN HOUSE A GREAT SUCCESS

The Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern experimented still further during the Christmas Season with efforts to create more good-will and good public relations by holding an Open House in the Temple, running from 3:30 o'clock in thte afternoon until 9:30 o'clock Christmas Eve.

The Temple had been beautifully decorted with an electric candle in each of the windows on the first and second floors. Garlands of decorative pine provided borders for the archways in the hall. In the rear of the hall leading to the Lecture Room there was a Nativity Scene featuring Mary, Joseph, the Baby Jesus, a Shepherd and two sheep. The religious motif of the first floor attracted quite a bit of favorable comment. The second floor was given over to the festive idea with a large lighted representation of Santa Claus with a lighted lamp post on either side of it. In the center of the banquet hall was a beautifully decorated table loaded with refreshments of all kinds and in sufficient quantity to satisfy even the hungriest guest visiting the Temple that evening. Tables were arranged in a sort of "night-club" arrangement.

The newly renovated Lodge Room on the third floor was also thrown open to the guests of the evening as was the auditorium on the second floor. In each of the rooms to be visited by the guests there were a number of hosts and hostesses who directed the guests to the various centers of attraction.

The purpose of the entire observance was to invite many of the members and friends to come in and share as much time in hospitality and good fellowship as would be possible. Responses to requests to members and their wives to serve as hosts and hostesses were numerous and everybody seemed to take a particular delight in extending Masonic cordiality and fellowship to everyone who visited the Temple.

The Sisters and Brothers of the Eastern Star assumed responsibility for the refreshments with Mrs. Lois Wilson, Worthy Matron, and her husband, Marvin Wilson, Worthy Patron, providing the leadership in that area. These two fine people enjoyed the very close assistance and valuable help of a number of their members, so many in fact it would be impossible to name them all.

The idea for the Open House was gotten up rather hurriedly, consequently there was not time to extend an invitation to everybody in the jurisdiction. The observance, however, was sufficiently successful to warrant an enlargement of the idea for the next Christmas Season. More than 450 guests visited the Temple during the afternoon and evening and all of them were enthusiastic in their comments on the Open House observance. Officials of the Consistory feel tremendously pleased with the favorable comments that have been made.

1968 New Year's Greeting

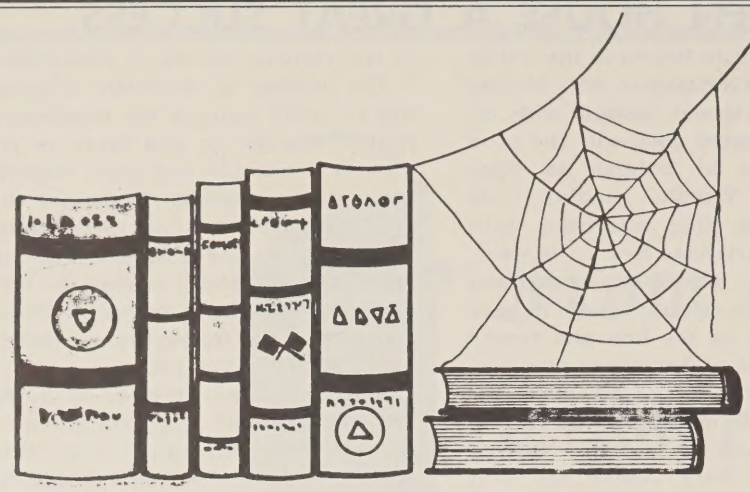
A Way to Be Happy

To leave the old with a burst of song,
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;
To forget the thing that binds you fast
To the vain regrets of the year that's past
To have the strength to let go your hold
On the not worthwhile of the days grown old.

To dare go forth with a purpose true,
To the unknown task of the year that's new;
To help your brother along the road
To do his work, and lift his load,
To add your gift to the world's good cheer,
Is to have and to give a glad New Year.

—The Scottish Rite Torch

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



TEMPLE TOMES

"IT IS THE GLORY OF GOD TO CONCEAL A THING: but the honor OF KINGS IS TO SEARCH OUT A MATTER." **(Prov. 25:2)**

The cornerstone of Masonry is that first foundation stone from which all other measurements are taken.

Often in our researches and pleasure readings, it is well that we plumb the ediface, square the corners and determine direction and distances. Not only that, but we must encompass our thoughts and judgments within the requirements of blue print accuracy and high tolerances, for accuracy and truth are identical twins, in whom we delight. Sometimes we have to cut away many imperfections to get a polished stone surface honed to reflect an image. For instance.

We have belatedly read Michner's "The Source", a book which gives us an entertaining and an informative layer-cake history of the Mediterranean world from twelve thousand years ago down to the heroic days when the modern state of Israel was established. The preface reads:

"This is a novel. Its characters and scenes are imaginary except as noted. The hero, Rabbi Akiba, was a real man who died as described in 137 C. E. (Common era"). All quotations ascribed to him can be verified. King David and Abishag, Herod the Great and his family, General Petronius, Emperor Vespasian, General Josephus and Dr. Maimonides were also real persons and quotations ascribed to the last are also verifiable.*

Akko, Zefat and Tiberias are existing places in Galilee and descriptions of these towns are accurate, but Makor, its site, its history and its excavation are wholly imaginary."

*parentheses ours.

With this preface established we "polished-off eight hundred and seventy pages before we struck an archeological fissure which ground us to a startling halt. It read:

By this means Father Vilspronck hoped to explain away the mystery of Josephus. For a score of years this learned Jew had wandered back and forth across the land that Jesus had trod, and during the very years when the actuality of Jesus must have been greatest. In his books Josephus discusses all aspects of Jewish life, the good things and the bad, and he probes into relationships that were not known until the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls; and what the archaelogists are uncovering supports the fundamental accuracy of this vivid reporter.

Yet never once does he mention Jesus Christ, the greatest Jew of his age, nor does he refer to Nazareth, although he writes extensively of cities not more than nine miles away. It is a nagging, gnawing fact that the most acute observer Palestine produced saw fit to ignore the major occurrence of his lifetime, the impact of Jesus Christ upon the world. An honest researcher like Father Vilspronck was therefore driven to ask, "Was that impact less than we have been led to believe?"

This question the priest was willing to ask, but he had an answer. "I think that Flavius Josephus consciously suppressed all mention of Jesus Christ and Nazareth, just as he suppressed facts about himself. We know he was a liar," Vilspronck said. "Time and again we catch him in falsifications. If he says there were eighty thousand Romans, we find there were forty thousand. If he claims to have been a hero, we discover later that his behavior was despicable. In Josephus we never have the case of a

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loyal Jew who convinced himself that Jesus never existed. He had probably seen the followers of our Lord face to face, yet he tried to erase Him from history."

The preface says General Josephus and Dr. Maimonides are real persons and quotations ascribed to the last (Maimonides) are verifiable. Therefore quotes from the works of Josephus are not verifiable. So, lets drop a plumb line.

Who was Flavius Josephus? He was of royal and priestly descent, related to the Maccabean house. He was a Jewish priest, scholar, soldier and statesman, originally named Joseph ben Matthias (A.D. 37-100?). His most important work is the "Jewish Antiquities" a 20-volume history of the Jewish people from their origins to the close of Nero's reign. In A.D. 64 he was a delegate to Nero in Rome, and then the Sanhedrin appointed him governor of Galilee. After an unsuccessful defense of Galilee against the Romans under Vespasian he accompanied the latter to Rome and there adopted the Latinized name Flavius Josephus. Vespasian was second in command to Claudius Caesar (Nero) 54-68 A.D. and succeeded Claudius, reigning from 69 to 79 A.D. Therefore Flavius Josephus was quite possibly "chiefly they (saints) that are of Caesar's household." (Phil. 4;22). In his autobiography he confesses to being an Ebonite (Nazarene) Christian, as was his contemporary Paul.

It is true that Josephus does not mention Nazareth, of Galilee in his writings. From a military viewpoint Nazareth had no value. It was an obscure village or community (one of 240 in Galilee) where Jesus's talent and character were matured for the great battle of public life; And as Jesus increased Nazareth decreased.

Did Josephus mention Jesus Christ? Let's see:

"Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man; for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles. He was [the] Christ. And when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal man amongst us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him; for he appeared to them alive again the third day; as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him. And the tribe of Christians, so named for him, are not extinct at this day."— Antiquities of the Jews book XVIII chap-III pgh. 3

It is easy to understand those who would gladly write-off Flavius Josephus, refuse to accept his historical works, and deny the one central fact of history; But it is our pleasure to apply the working tools of Masonry to that foundation certainty the birth, life, death and resurrection of Israel's Ancient sacrifice, who is the cornerstone from which all other measurements are taken.

As for the book "The Source" read it. You'll be glad you did.

Tom McCrea

Notice—Change In Reunion Dates

The Executive Committee has selected April 2, 3 and 4, 1968 as the dates for the Spring Reunion. Use of these dates instead of the following week will avoid conflict with Holy Week activities.

MANY MASONS ARE BUSINESS LEADERS

Many of the "brass" among American business men are Masons, according to the 1966 edition of "Poor's Register of Corporations, Directors and Executives," the Blue Book of American corporations, published by Standard and Poor, leading financial publisher and investment advisory firm.

Of the 71,107 company officers listed in this massive volume of 3,193 pages, 13,061 reported that they were members of the Masonic fraternity. The B.P.O.E. has 4,320 members listed. The Knights of Columbus are third with 997 company officers and directors claiming membership.

Six of the ten schools most frequently mentioned as alma maters by the country's business elite are Ivy League universities. Harvard ranks first with 3,561 graduates in the current edition. Yale, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Cornell and Columbia are in the top ten—ranking second, third, fourth, seventh and eighth respectively. More than one-third of the executives listed did not indicate attendance at any institution of higher learning.

Apparently American business believes that "knowledge comes but wisdom lingers". Approximately four out of ten, or 27,417, of the 66,870 male and female top executives gave their ages as over 60. Further evidence of reliance upon experience: 1,465 of the nation's business leaders are over 80. Only 199 corporation officials are under 30. (Courtesy of the California Freemason).

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"With Mouth To Ear"

BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL!

The business of living happily and successfully is complicated enough in the best of times. Basically, its chief difficulty is a failure to observe certain simple and fundamental rules. Our entanglements and frustrations are not due to complicated directions which we are not wise enough to observe. They are often due to our careless disregard of plain principles which "a wayfaring man, though a fool," can comprehend! A great deal of good counseling is nothing more than bringing us back to a moral law which was taught early in our Masonic journey. But, we forget so easily! We try to reach our destination with little knowledge of the territory through which we must travel.

One of the most frustrating tasks that I have ever attempted is that of playing golf! When one begins to learn about the game, there are certain basic rules that we are told we must observe. Perhaps none is more important than the first one: "Keep your eye on the ball!" Even a man who has never played golf can understand that simple rule. It is so obvious that it is tiresome. Yet, the most of the bad shots in all the games that follow are caused by our forgetfulness of that basic principle. We can hardly believe that we were so stupid as to take our eye off the ball! We wonwer why the ball did not go down the fairway. Then some friend tells us that we lifted our head before the swing was completed, thus taking our eyes off the ball! For some of us golf is a constant effort to get back to this simple, obvious, rule. It is a matter of getting into difficulty and extricating ourselves (temporarily) by remembering and practicing an elementary precept. So it is in the game of life. The simple rule for adequate living—which is basic and yet often ignored—is this: be single minded. This is to life what keeping the eye on the ball is to golf. It does not need to be argued to people who believe it. Hardly anyone will deny this simple, and almost trite, rule of life.

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Life, as you and I see it day by day, seems to be filled with a myriad of things that have allurement. They tend to make us forget this singleness of purpose. We fail at times to reconcile this new thing with those central principles which we have been taught in the lodge. Perhaps we live in a particularly difficult time for single-mindedness. When men do not have faith for tomorrow, it is difficult to determine what they ought to be doing today. Yet, instead of complaining of the difficulties, let us thank God that He has given us a task which commands our whole heart, complete mind, and entire strength. Masonically, before our tasks can be accomplished we must be craftsmen who are of one mind and one spirit in the work that is laid out for us to do in this life.

It is never easy to understand one's own time. Experts don't agree on the essential nature of past generations . . . and when men are in the midst of a period it is even more difficult to separate the essential from the mere apparent and incidental. Though we are not universally in agreement as to the proper diagnosis of our age and hour, Masons believe that the present time, the present crisis, is the inevitable result of trying to live without God, or worse than that, trying to manipulate God for our own use. As a result of this, man has lost sight of the central value. When the main purpose of man is no longer to love and serve the Supreme Architect he finds himself irresistibly attracted by many side issues. When this article shall have gone to press, many of us will have seen this lesson in many of the degrees given at the Reunion.

The function of Masonry is its belief in an ultimate loyalty. When there is no such belief there can be no sure foundation. That which makes Masonry worthwhile is a consciousness of the fact that all we are worth is what we are worth to Almighty God. When this knowledge is put on the sidelines of our life, when single-mindedness is no more in our life, we are torn by cross purposes which can ultimately destroy us. I believe that more harm is done by double-minded Masons than all the "profane" can ever bring to Masonry. If a man who appears before the altars of Mason-

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ry is unmindful of his obligations in everyday life, he is worse than the fellow who stands "without" and criticizes Masonry through ignorance! In that regard let it be said that Masonry does not need defending! Masonry needs to be lived! The best defense is an offense!

You see, my brothers, the need is not for any of us to search the other fellow's faults! Rather, we are called upon to ask ourselves in every word, deed, and motive "is this constructive and in accord with the sacred vows which I took as a Scottish Rite Mason?" To us, the Scottish Rite Masons, there comes this assurance: "If we cannot believe that we are commissioned by the Supreme Architect, we are poor creatures trying to put dignity into a calling which has become for us a dignified hypocrisy! The anchor that can hold us in the storms of life is the assurance that, for better or for worse, we are God's craftsmen . . . with His seal upon us . . . called to be His servants and His spokesmen.

Some of us don't like to think we are under any authority. We like to think we are free. Indeed, we are "Free and Accepted Masons". Yet, it is not in escape from duty that freedom lies. . . but in commitment. The fears of our age all over the world are the fears which are occasioned by the fact that we are caught in the trap of our own multiple aims! Serenity is the gift of wholeness. Wholeness comes to men who have given their lives to One in Whose service is perfect freedom. The proof of whether we have been cured of our own devisiveness is whether or not we live purposefully. When Masons come to the place where it is not only a way of life — but life itself — then we have been cured of the double-mindedness which many times takes its toll among our brethren. Singlemindedness will take us through the difficult places of our life and help us conquer many a subtle temptation. In times like these, as Masons, we would take our place among the heroic company of God's good servants: those of one sure purpose. "Keep your eye on the ball!" Let this creed be emblazoned on the armor of every character; let it be burning in the heart of every Mason! Then we shall be good craftsmen worthy of our hire.

AMITY

By

M. W. ROBERT L. PUGH, PGM, 33°

Secretary

(The following is an article written by the Executive Secretary for use during the Scottish Rite Reunion of the Charlotte Scottish Rite Bodies on October 10, 11 and 12. The class of candidates during that Reunion was designated "The Amity Class" and the article was written to introduce the class to the idea of "Amity" as a necessary prerequisite to Masonic harmony and fellowship.)

Amity is described by the dictionary as a friendly, peaceful and harmonious relationship based upon mutual understanding. Can you imagine any quality more necessary today in our personal relationships? Can you conceive of any virtue more vital to our national and international welfare than this? Imagine, for example, how much more effective the United Nations would be if representatives could assemble there in an atmosphere of good-will and mutual understanding. Imagine further, what revolutionary social and fraternal changes would grace our scene of action were we to mold our lives in conformity to the prerequisites of peaceful, harmonious and friendly relationships.

The Charlotte Scottish Rite Bodies have done well in naming this Reunion and this Class. Certainly amity is most appropriate as a challenge to us and we congratulate them upon such a provocative selection.

You will always work for human unity in proportion to your understanding of brotherhood and to the manner in which you conduct yourself in conformity to its demands. In your lodge, if your understanding of amity is adequate, you would never be a dividing or a distracting force. This same characteristic carries over in your participation in community projects and programs.

A lodge without amity is a failure. A community without amity is a failure. So, also, are the state and the nation. Is it not a sobering, and at the same time an inspiring, thought that at a time when everywhere the spirit of strife, turmoil and division are so rampant, relationships in amity seem almost impossible of achievement, there should be in existence a powerful international body of men who preach and teach and emphasize the need for amity, unity and international cooperation. This constitutes the fundamental mission of Masonry. What a tremendous task we have, therefore, to translate this objective into vigorous, energetic activities among our members in the immediate present.

You and I love to make reference to the bond which holds us together. There are those who declare it is a certain quality impossible to describe or explain. Sometimes it does appear to be a mystical element, yet upon close examination, you no doubt will be able to determine that its basic roots lie in this quality to which you members of this class are now dedicated: AMITY. We know what it is by having had experiences in it. We do not need to define it.

In amity we can always meet and discuss our mutual interests as well as problems. In amity we still may differ in our ideas, our thoughts and our plans, but we nevertheless can resolve those differences in the spirit of harmonious relationships. There is no room for discord in Masonry. It is a hydra-headed monster that rears its ugly head and seeks to destroy the amicable relationships we have every right to enjoy in the sacred ties of brotherhood to which we have pledged our allegiance.

This bond of amity is really the hope of the world. To the extent we are bound by it, to that extent the human race can go on toward happiness. True happiness in the world can never be

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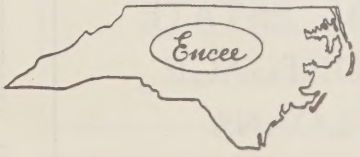

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achieved until all mankind acts and lives in the spirit of amity.

What a tremendous challenge confronts us, my brethren, as we seek to build a better world!

DOWN ONSLOW WAY

Reynold Davenport, 33°

I read an article the other day about how your personality is the agglomeration of your idiosyncrasies, or words to that general effect. The article listed a whole batch of idiosyncrasies which it was suggested that you cull over to find what you might be guilty of. You were supposed to give yourself plus points for some and minus points for others, then add up the points to determine just what degree of idiot you might happen to be. If you kick the cat out, for example, before your wife gets around to it, this is supposed to prove that you are more aggressive than your wife. It could also prove that you don't like cats.

I didn't make too hot a score on the thing. They listed a whole lot of idiosyncrasies that I don't have, and out of those that I could match up with I seemed to come up with just about as many minus points as plus points.

Not wanting to admit that I don't have a fair share of idiosyncrasies (you need every status symbol you can get) I embarked upon one of those introspective examinations which can be so revealing — and downright embarrassing. As a result thereof I can announce that I have enough idiosyncrasies to keep me in personality for the next thirty-four years. This doesn't necessarily mean that my idiosyncrasies are generally the breed that will produce the most desirable personality in the world, but I do have some.

REYNOLD DAVENPORT, 33°
Jacksonville, N. C.

Some I have are shared with a lot of other people — like this business of leaning my torso into the curve each time I put the car into a tight turn. The mathematical probability of averting a turnover with this torso-leaning maneuver is about three in twenty-six million, but I keep trying.

And then there are all those planes I've helped off the ground. Each time the engines start laboring on takeoff I sort of halfway raise my weight off the seat. You might think this doesn't help the plane any, but I haven't lost one yet.

There's one I just can't figure at all. Each time I buy life insurance I sweat out the next two years until the suicide clause becomes non-applicable. I have never entertained any notion of hastening my removal from this worldly scene, so this one stumps me altogether.

Whenever a speaker gets a little husky-voiced I start clearing my throat. If his voice remains husky, I start coughing. No speaker has ever thanked me for any of this.

I sleep with one foot protruding from beneath the covering — so I'm told. Maybe this is for weather-testing, or a preparation for rapid ejection, or something . . . I don't know. My mother has told me that my great-grandmother was also a foot-protruder, so maybe I just inherited this one. But my great-grandmother didn't drive cars, or fly in planes, or buy insurance, so I must look elsewhere for the origins of other traits.

One rather obvious course would be to relate these things to a psychiatrist and ask his verdict, but I have never liked bad news.

So . . . if sometimes you think other people do crazy things, what you need to do is record every single thing you do for just one day. Then try to assign a logical reason to each action and each utterance on your list. After having done this you are apt to conclude that other people are not quite so crazy as you may have thought.

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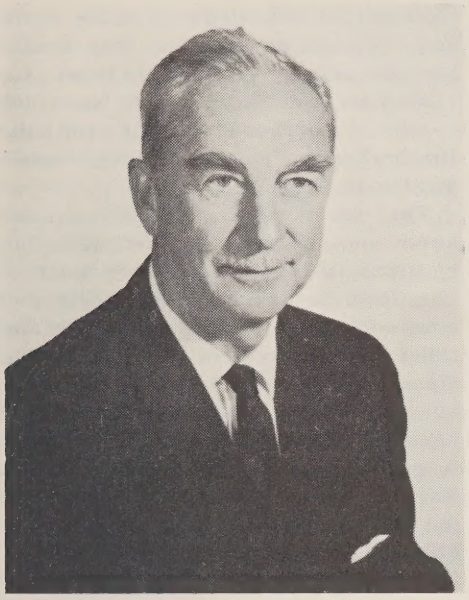

Harry J. MacDonald, 33°

PROMINENT THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE MASON SIGNALLY HONORED

Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of New Bern join wholeheartedly in congratulating one of its outstanding members who was recently accorded a very signal honor. Brother Harry J. MacDonald, 33°, who has long been active in the Scottish Rite and who has served the patrons of the New Bern School District as their Superintendent was recognized by his Board of Education for his faithful service.

"Supt. H. J. MacDonald was given high honor at the meeting of the New Bern Board of Education held Tuesday night when members voted to name the new junior high school, which will be the result of the successful School Bond Referendum held last week, the "H. J. MacDonald Junior High School."

The school will be located on a site west of New Bern, the site to be selected in the near future.

Mr. MacDonald came to New Bern in 1936 as head of the Science Department of New Bern High School after teaching for two years at Plymouth High School following his graduation from Duke University, Durham, where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts Degrees.

In 1938 he organized the New Bern High School Band. He was elected principal of the high school in 1939, serving in that capacity until elected superintendent in 1947 upon the resignation of H. B. Smith.

In 1964, on the 200th anniversary of the organization of the New Bern City schools, the high school students dedicated their annual "The Bruin," to him, the highest they can bestow.

Mr. MacDonald has seen the city school population more than double during his administration. He has held many important offices in educational circles and has taken active parts in civic and fraternal groups of the city. He has received the highest honor from the Scottish Rite Bodies of Masonry having received the 33rd degree. He is a member of Sudan Shrine Temple and New Bern Scottish Rite Consistory.

He is a member of Centenary Methodist Church and of its Official Board, having served a number of years as secretary."

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A PRAYER
For the New Year

For the New Year I would wish to have strength enough to battle with difficulties and overcome them; love enough to move one to be useful and helpful to others; faith enough to make real the things of God; hope enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, German philosopher (1749-1832).

The candles of the old year, Lord,
Have flickered and gone out.
But Thou hast lighted twelve new ones
To shed their lights about
A darkened world. May each bright glow
Bring joy where there was pain,
And light the lonely road of grief
And agonizing strain.

Let their bright flame reveal thy hand,
That frees a heart from fear;
May their light shine upon the earth,
To show that Thou art near.
And, Lord, let peace return again,
So we may thrust all doubt
Into oblivion, before
These candles are burned out.

—*Submitted by Jennie F. Meadville, Nebraska City, Nebraska.*

I'M A NEW MEMBER

I see you at the meetings
But you never say hello
You're busy all the time you're there
With those you already know
I sit amongst the people
And yet I'm a lonesome one
The new fish are as strange as I
You old members pass me by
But, darn it, you guys asked us in
And you talk of fellowship
You could just step across the room
But you've never made the trip
Why can't you nod and say HELLO
Or stop and shake my hand
Then go and sit among your friends
Now THAT I'd understand
I'LL be at your next meeting
Perhaps a nicer night to spend
Don't you think you should introduce yourself?
I want to be a friend.

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

ALBERT PIKE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" of Plymouth, N. C. held their regular meeting Monday night Nov. 20, 1967, at "Tetterton's Restaurant", a delicious steak dinner was enjoyed by eighteen members of the club.

The following members were present: G. R. Leggett, Sr., President, Frank Bickerstaff, Vice President, Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary, Garland Hardison, Charlie Spruill, Hallett Davis, Dan Pittman, Jack Latham, Woodrow Dixon, Bryant Harriss, Leslie Manning, Randy Waters, Philip Swinson, Putt Landing, Clayton Ragland, Bill Styons, Dr. Jessie Highsmith.

Our next meeting will be at "Tetterton's Restaurant" Monday night, Dec. 18, 1967 at 7:00 P.M.

Often we feel that the words, "No room for Jesus", echo in our modern world. It seems, frequently, there is no room for Jesus or His truth in industry and business. There is no room in education or social practice or literature or art or music. Business is simply a means of making money, education is to train men for business, social living is, in to many instances, an adjunct to business, and art and literature are for their own sake or are commercialized to serve the selfish interests of profit-hungry men. Yet wherever Christ has been given room He has made business a means of blessing to men; He has given education purpose and meaning; He has glorified art and transformed the literature and the music of the world. We must not crowd Jesus and the redemption He offers out of our lives. We can not live by bread alone, and the all-encompassing concern for business and profit sometimes causes us to forget that. Advertising and competitive business, while they have their place, must not so pre-empt our time and attention that there is no place for anything else.

In our day it seems there is real danger that we shall so fill our lives with emptiness there will be no room for Christ's fullness. We have, it appears, no time for prayer meetings, no time for meditation, no time for Bible reading, and no time for Christian witnessing. There is no room in our lives for these things, even though we have shortened working hours and perfected labor-saving devices and rapid transportation. We have digested our magazines, condensed our books, evaporated our conversation, and dried up our hospitality; but still there is no time and no room for Christ. We have room in our lives for sports, room for entertainment, room for business, but no room for the work of Christ. The plain facts of our modern life are that if we do not find room for Christ we are facing purposelessness, frustration, and, ultimately, destruction and death. Other intrests have a place in life, but it is only as they are made subservient to the things of Christ's Kingdom that they are valid. When Jesus does have room in our hearts, then life becomes meaningful, home becomes beautiful. Worship issues in renewal, and His service becomes radiant and rewarding.

The life of Jesus is a long and fascinating story which cannot be told here, but much of Freemasonry came out of the life, ideals and philosophy of Biblical characters and events, including, of course, the rich contributions which come from the Great Master of Galilee and the early Christians.

The lowly Nazarene was the greatest of the world's seers and prophets who taught men to understand that God is their Father and the people of the world are His children and that they should love one another as He loves them.

Masonry has adopted as its basic idea — the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, it became its password many centuries ago.

The practice of brotherhood was never more forcefully illustrated than by Jesus in his unforgettable story of the Good Samaritan who quickly and generously came to the assistance and relief of the "certain man" traveling along the road to Jericho who fell among thieves, was robbed, brutally beaten by them and left there to die. A priest came by and then a Levite. Each looked at the poor fellow lying on the roadside in pain, but that was all, and each went his way without doing a thing for him. Then the Samaritan a sort of social outcast, passing along that way, saw the sorrowful plight of the injured and suffering man and had compassion on him, lifting him up, bound up his wounds, helped him to the nearest inn and took care of him, paying the host in advance for his service. That, my brethren, was Masonry in action. It was also a beautiful example of the practical operation of the new gospel the Master was seeking to inculcate. May the glad joyousness of the blessed Christmas season cause us to resolve to make room for Christ in our lives, not only for a few brief hours, but through all the circling years.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary

BEAUFORT COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

A steak cook-out was held with twelve members present. The men prepared the steaks while the ladies prepared the rest of the menu. The meal was served about seven o'clock. While the ladies were cleaning up after the meal, the men had a short business meeting.

President Jackson presided.

The minutes were read and approved.

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The treasurer's report was approved.

Brothers Raymond Alexander and John Gaylord attended with their wives. We hope these two brothers will become members.

The following officers were re-elected for the year 1968: President, Eddie Jackson; Vice President, Ralph Greene and Ashley Leggett, Secretary.

The president informed the club that he would appoint several food committees to serve at different times throughout the year.

Much discussion about DeMolay with Brother Jack Tripp to invite Brother Marvin Wilson to visit with us on January seventh to give us more information on the subject.

Expense of tonight's meal was $4.46.

After the meeting adjourned Brother Raymond Alexander gave a talk on Puerto Rico with slides to illustrate. The program was well received and everyone seemed to enjoy it very much.

Ashley G. Leggett, Secretary

EAST CARTERET SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The East Carteret Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting on December 4, 1967. The meeting was called to order by Brother Earnest Hill, president. The business on hand was the election of officers for the upcoming year.

The officers elected are as follows:

Brother W. J. Ipock, Jr., 32°, President, Route 1, Box 101, Beaufort, N. C.

Brother Charles McKay, 32°, Vice-president, Route 1, Beaufort, N. C.

Brother Calvin Johnson, 32°, Secretary and treasurer, 308 Broad Street, Beaufort, N. C.

After a few remarks by some of the brethren, the meeting was closed.

Members present, 18.

Fraternally,
Frederick E. Smith, 32°
Secretary and Treasurer

ELIZABETH CITY SCOTTISH RITE LADIES' NIGHT PARTY

The Scottish Rite Masons of Elizabeth City and the surrounding area were guests of the New Bern Consistory at the annual Ladies' Night Party held in the dining hall of Eureka Lodge on October 30th. At 7:00 P.M. the party was called to order by F. W. Clark, 33°, Acting as Toastmaster. After a chorus of "America" by the assembly, Robert Spence, 32°, K.C.C.H., gave the invocation. The dinner of Roast Beef with all the trimmings was served to 260 guests by the ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 44. The program was turned over to Mr. Roy Askew who introduced his group as the "Young Americans". They did such a good job on five songs with a solo, "Climb the Highest Mountain" by Mr. Askew, that the guests asked for an encore.

ELIZABETH CITY SCOTTISH RITE PARTY

Left to right: Mrs. Francis Clark, Francis W. Clark, 33°, Toastmaster; Edward P. Blair, 33°, Speaker, and Walter T. Kirby, 32°, K.C.C.H.

"The Young Americans" who together with Mr. Roy Askew gave a splendid program of entertainment.

Brother Clinton E. Bunch, 32°, K.C.C.H. gave the welcome address and Brother Everett L. Brothers, 32°, President of the local Scottish Rite Club gave the response. Brother Walter T. Kirby, 32°, K.C.C.H., introduced our speaker, Brother Edward P. Blair, 33°. Brother Ed always is a most welcome addition to any gathering and on this occasion went "all out". After getting the crowd in high spirits with his usual finesse and humor, his talk on "To look at yourself again through Scottish Rite Masonry" was received and enjoyed by everyone present — the applause and the conclusion proved that!

There were several prospective Scottish Rite members with us and all were presented envelopes with some fine literature enclosed.

The Scottish Rite members of New Bern Consistory enjoy our Ladies' Night Parties as shown by the continued attendance each year. We hope that they will go on for many years to come.

The dinner was closed with the benediction by Brother Bob Spence.

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LENOIR COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Lenoir County Scottish Rite Club met on December 6, 1967 at the Barbecue Lodge with President Robert Dawson presiding. Brother Bill Leggett gave the invocation. Twenty-three members enjoyed a wonderful meal.

Our invited guests were The R. Glen Wooten Chapter of Demolay with their chapter advisor, Brother George Jenkins. Brother Jenkins gave a most inspiring progress report on our Demolay Chapter. The Chapter plans in the near future to have a Scottish Rite night which we are looking forward to so that we can see the work of this wonderful bunch of boys.

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers for the ensuing year:

Robert Whitfield as President.

Marvin Kornegay as Vice President.

Ray Futrell as Secretary and Treasurer.

All officers of the nominating committee were elected as recommended.

The meeting was closed by prayer by Brother Raymond Smith.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Ray Futrell
Secretary and Treasurer

MARTIN COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Martin County Scottish Rite Club held its regular monthly meeting Dec. 6, 1967 at YOUR Restaurant in Robersonville.

President Hilton Forbes gave the Invocation and recognized Brother Charlie Gray, 33°, of Robersonville and visiting Brother Dick Lucas, 33°, of Plymouth. Following the meal, Brother Hilton Forbes introduced the speaker of the evening, Brother Wilmer C. Chesson of Plymouth, who gave a most inspiring talk which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

He stressed the importance and need of every Mason in the country to become sowers of "The Seeds of Freedom". Our heritage of freedom is ours because our fathers planted well in years gone by. They were dedicated men, dedicated to make this a free nation. If we and our children are to continue to harvest and enjoy the fruits of freedom it is imperative that we become effective sowers of freedom's seeds from which the fruit must come.

His talk was thought provoking and invoked many favorable comments from the brethren.

After the address, Brother Lucas gave the benediction and the meeting adjourned.

P. C. Bryant, Secretary

MOREHEAD CITY-BEAUFORT LADIES' NIGHT PARTY

A delightful Scottish Rite party was held on October 14th in the West Carteret High School Lunch Room in Morehead City. Toastmaster for the occasion was Brother Harvey L. Joslyn, 32°, and the Invocation was rendered by Brother Daniel F. Page, after which Brother Ernest N. Hill, 32°, gave the Address of Welcome.

A delicious dinner was served, the menu consisting of Tomato Juice Cocktail, Roast Fresh Ham, Apple Stuffing, Oven Brown Potatoes, Hearts of Lettuce, Hot Rolls and Lime Sherbet, Coffee.

Brother L. B. Daniels, 32°, recognized the Guests, among whom were Brothers Robert L. Pugh, 33°, and Charles T. Midyette, Jr., 33°, of New Bern, N. C.

Brother William G. Lewis, 32°, introduced the speaker of the evening — our Secretary, Brother Robert L. Pugh, 33°, P.G.M., who gave a splendid talk on Scottish Rite Masonry.

The Benediction was given by Brother Daniel F. Page.

NEW BERN SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

We were very pleased to have as our guest, at our last meeting the Worthy Advisor, for the Craven Chapter of the Rainbow Girls, Miss Betty Palmer. The New Bern club is proud to have been able to assist these very talented girls by making a contribution in the amount of $25.00. We take great comfort in knowing that these gals will someday be the wives and mothers of our country and we feel that the lessons of the Chapter of Rainbow Girls will help them meet that challenge.

Congratulations are in order for Bro. Bill Adams recently elevated to 33°. Bro. Bill does not claim all the spotlight

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though because our club can boast of several brothers who will receive their K.C.C.H. during the coming reunion. Bro. I. G. Weatherly, Bro. Marvin Wilson, Bro. Nat Baxter, Bro. Clarence Koonce and Bro. Nelson Banks are also to be congratulated. We are very proud of you all and know it is an honor well deserved.

Final arrangements have been made for our club banquet. This banquet is given before each reunion in the honor of our prospective candidates. This affair will be held at the Berne Restaurant on the Kinston Hwy. at 7:30 P.M. The club members share in the cost of this meal which will be $2.50 each. The club will pay the difference. Of course the club will bear the complete expense of the candidates and the honored guests. May I urge all of our members to be present for this affair and by all means bring your candidates. Following the meal and a talk by our guest speaker we will conduct the candidates on a tour through the Temple. Much work has gone into this project already so please help us make it a success. By the way; there is a steak on the menu!

We are sorry that Bro. Dick Shinkle has been ill. Our prayers go out for his health and we are looking forward to his presence at our meeting soon.

Not enough can be said about getting candidates for the coming reunion. It is the responsibility of every Scottish Rite Mason to try to bring others into this further light in Masonry and a special responsibility of those who belong to a club. Help us get that 200 candidates we have tried for so many years to attain. Remember this reunion is dedicated to C. A. Seifert, 33°, our late Secretary.

Jack Jones, 32°,
Secretary

OCRACOKE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Ocracoke Scottish Rite Club held it's annual Ladies' Night dinner on Saturday October 28, 1967 at the Pony Island Restaurant with seventy-two present.

A welcome speech was given by Brother Tony T. Gaskill, followed by a delicious Turkey Dinner.

Entertainment for the evening was introduced by Brother Ben O'Neal which featured songs from the 1920's by local talent.

Brother Rev. T. H. House gave the introduction of the Guest Speaker for the evening, Brother Nelson Banks, Recorder for Sudan Temple of New Bern, N. C., who gave a very interesting talk on Freemasonry and the invitation to all Brothers to attend the Scottish Rite Reunion in November and Shrine Reunion in January.

Brother Ben O'Neal, President of Ocracoke Scottish Rite Club read a story on Freemasonry and ended by asking for a silent prayer for Brother Robert L. Pugh who was to be with us that evening but was unable to attend because of the accident in which he was involved, also a prayer for Brother R. D. Shinkle who has been ill in the hospital. Following the silent prayer Brother Rev. House gave the benediction. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Leon R. Scarborough, 32°
Secretary

ONSLOW-LEJEUNE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club met on December 4, 1967, at 7 p.m. at the Steak House, New River Shopping Center, Jacksonville, N. C.

The Invocation was given by Bro. Wm. Thomason, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Membership Chairman, Bro. Jesse Vail, 32°, K.C.C.H. reported 27 candidates for the November Reunion. 5 Caps and 2 Medals were awarded. Bro. Aman spoke on his impression of the work; and Mrs. Stephens told what a fine time she had participating in the Ladies' Program.

Nomination and election was held with the following officers for 1968:

President—Maynard A. Dean
Vice-President—Lemuel G. Aman, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer—Julian M. True

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the balance of $72.87 be divided between the Oxford Orphanage and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home, according to the by-laws.

Bro. Reynold S. Davenport, 33°, and Bro. William F. Thomason, 32°, K.C.C.H., were recognized and congratulated by the members on their new appointments.

There were 12 members and 6 ladies present.

The meeting was closed with the Benediction by Bro. Wm. A. Thomason, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Russell O. Baker
Acting Secretary

ROCKY MOUNT SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Rocky Mount Scottish Rite Club met at Bob Melton's with President Dan Pitt presiding. Invocation was given by brother S. D. Fuller. The following 27 members were present. H. A. Sturgess, E. E. Davis, Dan Pitt, G. T. Matthews, R. M. Crocker, Ed Fuller, Ward Sutton, T. J. Cheshire, A. L. Rinehart, Lyman Hoggard, Z. A. Hardee, M. J. Stokes, H. A. Arie, J. B. Smith, Ernest E. Bowden, Van B. Greer, Coyte R. Minges, W. L. McCray, J. R. Sutton, L. C. Powell, F. L. Yost, J. B. Exum, F. R. Hardee, Ben T. Davis, Jr., C. R. Shuler, P. A. Knight and S. D. Fuller.

Brothers Dan Pitt, and M. J. Stokes gave short talks an Scottish Rite Masonry.

An attendance prize of one dollar was won by Brother E. E. Bowden. The following officers were elected for the new year: Brother J. B. Childress, President; Coyte R. Minges, Vice President; and F. L. Yost, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Reunion to be held on October 19th was discussed, all members were urged to get any candidates available for the up-coming degrees, it was announced that ten petitions had been forwarded to Enfield.

A practice for the fifth degree team for October 15th at the Masonic Temple was announced and discussed, all members of the team were urged to be present for practice.

The members present paid one dollar each for the supper, and the club voted to pay the balance of the expenses.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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to meet again at the call of the president.

The club met on the 15th of October at the Masonic Temple. The degree team practiced and all details were discussed regarding the reunion on the 19th.

F. L. Yost, Secretary-Treasurer

WILSON COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE LADIES' NIGHT

On Wednesday night, October 11, 1967, the New Bern Consistory and the Wilson County Scottish Rite Club entertained the Wilson County members and their guests for dinner at the Hotel Cherry.

Brother Percy L. Ferrell, 32°, acted as Toastmaster and Brother Alonza Honeycutt, 32°, K.C.C.H., gave the Invocation.

After a delicious dinner of Tomato Juice, Tossed Salad, Turkey with Dressing, Gravy, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Apple Pie and Coffee, Brother Claude A. Anthony, 32° gave the Address of Welcome to the members and guests present.

Brother T. Bruce Boyette, 32°, K.C.C.H., introduced the speaker of the evening, Brother Nelson B. Banks, 32°, K.C.C.H., Recorder of Sudan Temple, who gave a splendid talk on Scottish Rite Masonry.

Wanchese, N. C.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite
New Bern, North Carolina
Dear Mr. Pugh, Sec.

There comes a time when the right words are hard to find, but I do wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the memorial that has been established in memory of my husband, Mack R. Tillett. I feel sure there is a way for him to know this.

Please express my thanks to all those that made this memorial possible. I also thank you for the lifetime courtesy card. I know it will mean much to me.

Thanking you again and with kindest regards to all the Scottish Rite members and Consistory No. 3.

Very sincerely yours,
Mrs. Mack R. Tillett

The family of Alvin G. Hurdle acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

WILSON SCOTTISH RITE LADIES' NIGHT PARTY

Left to right above. Officers, Wilson Scottish Rite Club: Carl Aycock, Secretary; D. M. Harrell, President; Walter Lamm, Vice-President.

Speaker's table, left to right: T. Bruce Boyette, Mrs. Boyette, Nelson B. Banks, Recorder of Sudan Temple, Speaker for the party, Mrs. Banks, Percy Ferrell, Mrs. Ferrell, Mrs. Alonza Honeycutt and Alonza Honeycutt.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1968
NEW BERN CONSISTORY NO. 3

Acct. No.		1968 Estimated Income
	Balance from 1967 Budget	$10,000.00
400	Initiations	40,000.00
110	Dues	44,000.00
402	Rent — Masonic Theatre	3,900.00
403	Rent — Other	1,500.00
405	Sale of Rings, Pins, etc.	100.00
407	Sale of Soft Drinks	50.00
		$99,550.00

		1968 Estimated Expenditures
600-A	Supreme Council	$ 9,500.00
408	Bagpipe	3,500.00
	Administrative	
601-A	Salary — Secretary	$ 8,200.00
601-B	Salaries — Clerical	10,692.00
601-C	Salaries — Other	720.00
601-D	Printing, Stationery, Office Supplies	2,000.00
601-E	Telephone, Telegraph, Postage	3,200.00
601-F	Heat, Lights & Water	5,000.00
601-G	Insurance	3,100.00
601-H	Taxes	1,400.00
601-I	Audit	250.00
601-J	Equipment (Replace & Repair)	100.00
601-K	Laundry	200.00
601-L	Robes & Sundry	1,000.00
601-N	Stage Equipment & Supplies	1,000.00
601-0	Repairs & Maintenance Office Equipment	700.00
		$37,562.00
	Reunions	
603-S	Spring	$ 5,000.00
603-F	Fall	5,500.00
603-L	Ladies' Entertainment (Spring & Fall Reunions)	800.00
		$11,300.00
	Activities	
604-A	Pre-Reunion (Small Parties)	$ 1,800.00
604-B	Ladies' Night Parties	6,000.00
604-C	Easter Services	800.00
604-D	Meeting Night Refreshments	300.00
		$ 8,900.00
	Charity — Donations	
605-B	Memorials	$ 350.00
605-C	Donations	650.00
605-D	Americanism Fund	300.00
		$ 1,300.00
	Travel	
606-C	Secretary	$ 1,800.00
606-B	Miscellaneous	300.00
		$ 2,100.00
608-A	Promotional	$ 2,500.00
	Miscellaneous	
613-H	Contingency	$ 2,488.00
613-G	Tiler	50.00
613-J	Elevator Service	100.00
613-I	Retirement Fund	1,650.00
613-K	Bonuses	500.00
		$ 4,788.00
	Building Expense	
613-A	Janitor's Salary	$ 3,600.00
613-B	Cleaning Building	1,000.00
613-C	Janitorial Supplies	750.00
613-E	Repairs & Maintenance	4,500.00
613-F	Exterminator Service	150.00
613-M	Light Bulbs	100.00
		$10,100.00
701	Kitchen Utensils & Equipment	$ 4,500.00
133	Furniture & Equipment	3,500.00
		$ 8,000.00
	GRAND TOTAL	$99,550.00

1112 S. Tarboro St.
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Oct. 9, 1967

Mr. Robt. L. Pugh, Sec.
New Bern Consistory No. 3
New Bern, N. C.
Dear Mr. Pugh:

Thank you for your letter and for the Lifetime Courtesy Card. I feel it an honor to be the recipient of such a card.

My children and I appreciate the check which was sent to the N. C. Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation, Inc. I have received acknowledgement of same from Mr. W. Edward Burrier.

Sincerely yours,
Sue S. Croom

Dear Mr. Pugh,

My son M. D. Jr. and I appreciate very much the Perpetual Memorial to the N. C. Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation, Inc. All our friends have been such a comfort. I'm sure if M. D. Brown Sr. could know he would be very proud. Thank you and the others very much.

Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Grace F. Brown

The family of W. L. Edwards acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

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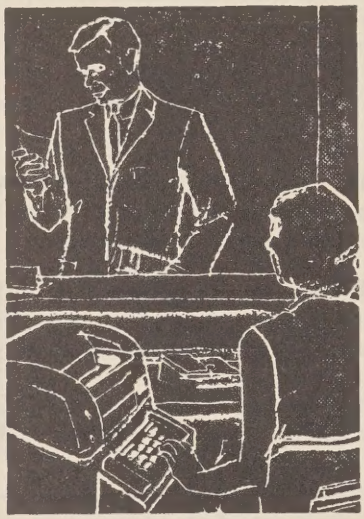

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When the last feeble steps have been taken,
And the gates of the Lodge shall appear.
And the beautiful songs of the angels
Float out on the listening ear,
Then all that now seems mysterious,
Will be plain and clear as the day,
And the toils of the road will seem nothing,
When we get to the end of the way.

Donoh W. Hanks, 32°, New Bern, N. C.	December 9, 1967
Guy M. Arthur, 32°, New Bern, N. C.	December 13, 1967
Harry Coplon, 32°, Winston-Salem, N. C.	December 16, 1967
Raymond Wescott, 32°, Manteo, N. C.	December 18, 1967
Ray E. Phillips, 32°, K.C.C.H., Washington, N. C.	December 27, 1967
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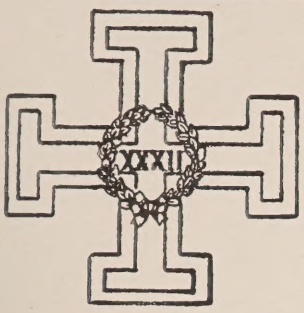

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Valley of New Bern — Orient of North Carolina

Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America

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New Bern Chapter of Knights of Rose Croix
New Bern Council of Knights of Kadosh
New Bern Consistory

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I, the undersigned, certify that I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____ Lodge No. _____, _____ (Give City and State) _____, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____, and have been a resident of the State of North Carolina for a period of six months. I have never* previously applied for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees, and I now respectfully petition to receive the Degrees from the _____, inclusive, promising always to bear true faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the Unted States.

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Signed _____
Petitioner

Mailing Address _____ Zip Code _____

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